

SCATTER SEEDS OF KINDNESS.

[Work at Home.]

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For in Nature's varied soil,
We'll be sure to find some portion
Which shall well reward our toil;
And though some spots seem barren,
'Tis the blasting wind of care,
And the coldness of humanity
Have left their impress there.

Let us scatter seeds of kindness,
And bright rays of heavenly love
Will be sure to aid our labor
If we trust in Him above;
For, though some spots be rugged,
Or in solitary gloom,
We can hope that seeds of kindness
Even there will often bloom.

Let us scatter seeds of kindness,
And then trust in God's good will;
For the heaven-born labor
With a joy our hearts shall fill;
For this bleak world's icy coldness
Has too often cast a gloom
O'er some gentle, loving nature
Where the choicest flowers may bloom.

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THE TRUE OFFERING.

A. M. GOODWIN.

O wondrous heights and depths of love!
O sacred, cleansing tide!
Behold, a stream of endless love
Flows from my Saviour's side.

Not all the blood of bullocks slain
Had paid that debt of mine;
And bloody offerings all were vain
To save, dear Lord, but thine.

Did all the blood of beasts and men
In mighty rivers roll,
These could not wash away the sin
Of one lost, guilty soul.

Were all our penitential tears
A deep and rolling sea,
Bewailing sin for endless years,
Man still would guilty be.

But Jesus, thy dear precious blood
Doth cancel all our sin;
It is a pure and healing flood,
Which makes and keeps us clean.

An ox-gourd is a great weapon when a Shamgar wields it. A Remington rifle is an inferior arm when the near-sighted fire it. Telescopic sights are only valuable to those who shoot to kill. For firing salutes with blank catridges a smooth-bore howitzer is as good as a Krupp gun. The man who stands for the right will use any weapon at hand to defend it. "Thrice is he armed who has his quarrel just." Ram's horns are as good as battering rams when blown around the walls of Jericho, for cowards fly before the blasts of Truth. The thrill of trumpets has won many a battle.

VALUE OF THE BIBLE.

"During my residence in India," writes a Christian missionary, "I frequently visited a British soldier who was under sentence of death for having, when half intoxicated, wantonly shot a black man.

"In some of my visits to the jail a number of other prisoners came and sat down with this man, to listen to a word of exhortation. In one instance I spoke to them particularly on the desirableness of studying the Bible! 'Have any of you a Bible?' I inquired. They answered, 'No.' 'Have any of you ever possessed a Bible?' A pause ensued. At last the murderer broke silence, and amidst sobs and tears confessed that he once had a Bible. 'But, oh,' said he, 'I sold it for drink! It was the companion of my youth. I brought it with me from my native land, and have since sold it for drink. Oh, if I had listened to my Bible, I should not have been here.'"

AN ANCIENT BIRDLAND.

For ages before its accupation by man New Zealand swarmed with great wingless birds, which found here no carnivorous enemies, but an abundance of vegetable food. The moas not only existed in vast numbers and for thousands of years, but had such a diversity of form as to embrace no less than seven genera, containing twenty-five species—a remarkable fact which is unparalleled in any other part of the world. The commonest kinds in the North Island were only from 2 1-2 to 4 feet high. Those of the South Island were mostly from 4 to 6 feet tall, while the giant forms, reaching 12 and 13 feet, were always rare.

Immense deposits of moa bones have been found in localities to which they appear to have been washed from the hills in tertiary times. Skeletons on the surface of the ground, with skin and ligaments still attached, have given the impression that these birds have been exterminated in very recent years, but other facts point to a different conclusion. Tradition seems to show, according to M. F. Hutton, that the moa became extinct in the North Island soon after the arrival of Maoris in New Zealand—that is, not less than 400 to 500 years ago—and in the South Island about 100 years later.

The fresh-appearing skin and ligaments are supposed to have been preserved by unusually favorable conditions.—*Globe Democrat*.

The true leader must be willing to sometimes stand alone.

We are not to blame if evil thoughts come into our mind, but we are if they stay there.

The poorest of the poor are often those whom their neighbors believe to be very rich.

It is the man who sows the wild oats who must sooner or later reap the crop
If Christ is anything to us he ought to be everything.

There is this difference between the devil's mirror and God's. In the former we magnify our virtues; in the latter we see our faults.

Moral activity, without a religious motive, is but the spasmodic movement of a galvanized corpse.

The cosmopolitan character of Christ is indicated by the inscriptions in three languages on his cross

The new life in Christ is not the old life patched up and made over, but a new creation. Reformation brought about by a desire to appear well in the eyes of men or for any other reason than a purpose to please God is only an attempt to patch up the old bottles for new wine.

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